

MORSEcode

serving voters with excellence and civic pride

Franklin County
Board of Elections

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OUR MISSION

"To recruit, train, and place the best poll workers who are committed to serving voters with excellence and civic pride."

Franklin County Will Shine Bright In 2016

We shine the brightest
when the light is the
MOST INTENSE



Once again, Franklin County will be in the national spotlight in the 2016 Primary and General Elections, and we believe that we will shine the brightest when the light is the most intense. Elections are the single most important event that we hold in a democracy, and as Precinct Election Officials, you are the ones serving on the front lines.

The Board of Elections is asking that each of us do whatever is needed to ensure that the 2016 elections are fair and accurate. We remain confident that every voter will be processed correctly because of the commitment and extra

effort that our PEO's will provide once again this year! Thank you for your service to the voters of Franklin County. You are vital to the success of the voting process.

Voters Will Vote For Candidates Representing One Party

Since the March 15th election is a partisan Primary Election, each voter will request a ballot for a specific political party. Party choices for this election include **Democratic**, **Green** and **Republican**, and voters will ONLY have the option to vote for candidates representing that party. Should a voter wish not to select a party, he/she is able to vote an Issues Only ballot in precincts where that option is available. Since there are no county-wide issues however, an Issues Only ballot will not be an option in several voting locations.

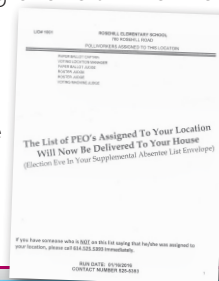
GOOD TO KNOW

- In a Primary Election, if a voter, through his/her ballot request, changes from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party, or from the Republican Party to the Democratic Party, the voter needs to complete Form 10-X (Roster Workbook), a Statement of Persons Challenged As To Party Affiliation (page 110 in the Training Manual). All 10-X forms are Approved and **never** Rejected by the PEO. Generally the PEO should use Form 10-X when the voter publicly shares that he/she is changing parties.
- Brush up on your **Morse Code** and decipher the important message hidden throughout the newsletter. The answer is on page 2. Have fun!

VOTING LOCATION MANAGER

We want to hear from you! Your input is extremely valuable to us following each election, especially when it comes to the Youth at the Booth students assigned to your location. PLEASE complete your Y@B surveys prior to closing and return them to the BOE with your supplies. We use the information for future elections, and each high school is given the information as well. (Please return the envelope even if you don't have any Y@B workers.)

The Courier Service Will Deliver your list of PEO's assigned to serve at your location on Monday night before the election. Our goal is to provide you with the most up-to-date list, so it will be included in the Supplemental Absentee envelope that is delivered to your home. Please use it on Election Day to actually verify the names of the PEO's who have shown up to work. As always, call the BOE **right away** with missing PEO's or with names of anyone who showed up and is not on the list.



Voter Moved To A New Precinct

If a voter has moved to a different precinct without updating his/her address by the voter registration deadline (Signature Poll Book has voter's wrong address), the voter **must** vote a Provisional Ballot, regardless of the type of ID presented.

CHANGE
OF
ADDRESS

Look For A New Guide

Training Coordinator Phil Purkey is using his experience as a professional caddie on the PGA tour to develop useful training materials. He's designed a card that fits in your back pocket, similar to a guide that he used on tour. Look for it at training.

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"There should be a Captain in there somewhere ..."

... and now there is! A new position has been created at every voting location: Paper Ballot Captain. He/She will help ensure that the correct paper ballot has been given to the voter and will review each completed Provisional Envelope before the voter drops it in the Voted Ballot Bag.



★ PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

A Quick Review: Processing 2 Voter Types You *Could Have This Primary*

17-Year-Old Voters

- The VLM will receive either a list of 17-year-old voters or a statement declaring there are none.
- The 17-year-old regular voter will receive an Authority-to-Vote Slip and a Reason For Paper Ballot Form.
- 17-year-old voters **MUST** vote a paper ballot that is placed in a designated orange 17-year-old envelope.
- The Paper Ballot Judge will give the 17-year-old voter a set of instructions along with his/her ballot.

17 YEAR
OLD VOTER

Voters Requesting A Paper Ballot

- The request to vote on a Paper Ballot must be initiated by the voter and not the Precinct Election Official.
- Paper Ballot by choice voters receive an Authority-to-Vote Slip and a Reason For Paper Ballot Form.
- Paper Ballot by choice voters vote a paper ballot that is placed in a designated tan Secrecy envelope.
- The VLM will read a statement every ½-hr when there are 20 or more voters in line. The statement alerts voters of the paper ballot option. However, voters are not permitted to get out of line to go to the roster table.

REGULAR PAPER BALLOT

SECRECY ENVELOPE

(Voter must be processed through signature poll book and sent to the paper ballot station for a paper ballot)

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Are Voters Required to State Their Name and Current Address At The Roster Table?

Voters have expressed their displeasure with being required to state name and current address. **Revised Code 3505.18**, states: "When an elector appears in a polling place to vote, the elector shall announce to the precinct election officials the elector's full name and current address . . ." (underlined for emphasis). The BOE remains committed to upholding Revised Code and educating voters to what it says.

Whose responsibility is it to make sure that the Provisional Envelope is complete?

Ultimately, the voter is responsible for filling out a Provisional Envelope accurately and completely (Revised Code 3505.182). However, the Board of Elections' goal is to provide great customer service and do our best to review every Provisional Envelope before the voter places it in the Voted Ballot Bag to ensure that the required information has been completed on the Provisional Envelope.

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Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted Outlines Priorities During Ohio Association of Election Officials Conference

COLUMBUS – Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted addressed election officials from across the state at the Ohio Association of Election Officials (OAE) Winter Conference in Columbus. He reiterated the important role Ohio plays in national elections.

"As elections officials in the most hotly contested swing state in the nation, there can be no room for error – we must ensure our work is above reproach," Secretary Husted said. "The good news is that by working together we have already done a lot to position our state as a leader for elections administration in the nation."

The Secretary announced a new, statewide effort to bolster poll worker recruitment. The program, "A Day for Democracy," will be a comprehensive effort to involve schools, businesses, non-profit organizations and churches in recruiting more than 40,000 people to manage polling places on Election Day.

Secretary Husted also renewed his support for important legislative action to allow for online voter registration in Ohio as well as the Safe at Home initiative to protect victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking and other violent crimes by shielding their home address from public view.

SECRETARY OF STATE

FAQ

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★ DICTIONARY OF TERMS

1). The Yellow Polling Location Street Guide Is:

- Used with a lost voter. It contains addresses to all of the voting locations throughout Franklin County.
- Used to determine if a voter should vote in my location. It's an alphabetical list of every street in my location.
- Used to determine at which restaurant would it be best to eat lunch.
- Used very rarely and doesn't even need to be removed from the VLM Supply Bag

2). Absentee Voter:

- A voter who has requested an absentee ballot before Election Day.
- A voter who hasn't shown up to vote at the voting location and needs to be contacted by the BOE.
- A voter who has "ABS/PROV" in the signature block of the Signature Poll Book.
- A voter who must always vote a Provisional Ballot.



KNOW SOMEONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A POLL WORKER?

Have them call us at 614/525-5393 or go on line at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/precinct-official/>



Morse Code hidden in banner: PEO
Answers: 1.b., 2.a,c and d
Morse Code hidden in Newsletter: Shine Bright

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1

Adult PEO Training Begins

February 16

Last Day to Register

February 17

Absentee Voting Begins (in-person and by mail)

March 11-13

Practice Makes Perfect

March 15

Primary Election

